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Northwest Detroit's Pride Community

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Fall 2015 Community Champion: Harold Harris

"Harold is the essence of a community representative. He calls to let residents know about anything that is happening in the Grandmont #1 neighborhood."

"Harold is truly concerned about our neighborhood as evidenced by the work that he does for all of us."

"He works tirelessly to keep our neighborhood safe and informed. He is very much appreciated and I'm glad he is in my neighborhood."

These are just a few of the things that neighbors are saying about Harold Harris, Grandmont Rosedale's Fall 2015 Community Champion. Harold will be the first to remind you that there are many others who also volunteer. However, as a Grandmont #1 resident for nearly 30 years, Harold has made it his life's work to connect neighbors to each other, to opportunities and to resources.

Harold worked for 33 years providing support to Detroit Public School students as a School Community Agent, fondly known as a "Change-Maker." Harold has carried this perspective into his "retirement" by continuing to serve his neighborhood as Corresponding Secretary of Grandmont #1 Improvement Association, a former long-time member of the GRDC Board of Directors, and a key volunteer in the Grandmont #1 Mower Project.

Harold says that if you see something you don't like in your neighborhood, don't just complain about it, do something! There's a clear sense of purpose in volunteering that motivates Harold even when progress seems slow. He encourages other volunteers to keep at it, and to make do with what they've got, because "a little dab will do ya!"

Thank you, Harold, for all that you do. We are privileged to call you our neighbor and Community Champion!

President's Message



Hello Grandmont #1 neighbors!

We've had a jam-packed summer!!

Our Positive Youth Development (PYD) has been some busy

bees with back-to-school rallies and giveaways. They are starting to recruit students for our Grandmont #1 Scholarship Program.

Our Annual Community Picnic was an even bigger and better success this year with many more people participating in the fun and festivities and marching in

the parade.

The Grandmont #1 Mower Crew has been busy with vacant property and grass cuttings all over our community.

Our first community-wide "Walk Your Block" was done and all 33 blocks in our subdivision were walked....up close and personal!! We have a beautiful neighborhood.

Our snow- plowing contract for the residential streets has been approved and signed. YOU are responsible for removing snow on your sidewalk(s).

We will have the same officers and board members that we have at present for the next two years.

We are still planning for some type of "senior appreciation" for next year.

I am encouraging an "each one, reach one" approach for our neighbors. As a neighbor, get to know or reach out to a neighbor near you. Community starts with the simple act of knowing your neighbor.

The Grandmont Rosedale Special Assessment District (SAD) will be picking up speed as we move towards this five-community goal. You will be hearing and seeing more about this at our meetings, postings on our Facebook page and mailings.

Oliver Cole

ASK THE TECH GUY: EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT EMV CARDS



As expected, smart technology is fast becoming the standard in just about every industry, including retail commerce.

By now you've probably heard of chip cards, and you may even have one in your wallet. Sometimes known as EMV (Europay, Mastercard, Visa) chip cards, they're credit and debit cards with a small electronic chip embedded within for extra security.

Across the country, financial institutions are introducing customers to the EMV chip cards that will be widely used by the end of 2015. Meanwhile, banks and credit card companies are pushing merchants to upgrade their payment terminals so they can read the chips on the cards and bring the United States in line with credit card security used in much of the rest of the world. The new credit card improves fraud protection for consumers and changes the way payments are made.

According to industry estimates, about half of the 12 million card readers at payment terminals in the United States will be converted to support chip cards by the end of 2015. Meanwhile, there are about 1.2 billion debit and credit cards in circulation among the 335 million people who live in the United States. Eight major banks account for half of the United States card volume and it has been estimated that nearly two-thirds of their cards will be reissued as chip cards by the end of the year.

If you are a merchant, to encourage your compliance with the new standard, all major credit card brands in the U.S. will be instituting a shift in fraud liability. The conversion process from older magnetic strip cards to chip cards has sped up in recent months because of the fast approaching deadline. This is very important because by October of this year, physical retailers who aren't ready to accept EMV cards may be liable for financial losses as a result of card fraud.

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Mobile Apps

For more information, go to www.detroitmi.gov



Improve Detroit - the mobile app to use for reporting issues directly to City Hall such as: running water, potholes, damaged street signs and other issues. Improve Detroit app uses your location and gives you a menu of common quality-of-life conditions from in your service request.

DPD Connect - the mobile app which helps you to:

- Get up-to-the-minute information about the City of Detroit and the Police Department
- Contact the DPD anonymously to keep your neighborhood safe
- Find the DPD on Facebook, Twitter, and Youtube
- Find numbers for precincts, bureaus, and other Detroit community departments

For emergency, always dial 911

Attention New Neighbors...

If you've recently moved to the neighborhood, we'd like to know so that we can share information with you about neighborhood happenings. Please contact Duane Perry, Grandmont #1 Treasurer, to update your contact information. Call 313-836-4757 or e-mail duane.perry@sbcglobal.net

Welcome

New Residents -

*Kenneth Keys & Mary Jones on Penrod and
Lana Turner on Warwick*

Please check the Spring edition of the *Informer* for the Block Captains' List.

Update: Curtis Kelsey

*New Block Captain on Greenview
(Acacia/Kendall)*

Grandmont #1 Meetings

Be sure to attend the next Grandmont #1 Improvement Association meeting. Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month at 7 pm at Macedonia Baptist Church, 14221 Southfield Freeway (at Acacia).

Next meetings:

October 6, 2015

November 3, 2015

December 1, 2015



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CODE COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE



Happy Fall Season Everyone,

Now is the time of year when we root for our favorite football, basketball, and hockey teams. It is also time when we wish our Tigers had a better season and hope for a better season next year. Well, the same goes for your Code Compliance Committee. Our goal is to make Grandmont #1 the standout community of northwest Detroit, the #1 community in District 1, and the community others want to emulate. On September 24th, I will be meeting with Councilman Tate, his representatives and the Mayor's office representatives to develop a plan(s) that will help make Grandmont #1 the great community we want it to be. Even though I am meeting with our local officials, it takes each and every one of us to help.

Therefore, what can you do? Simple.....

- keep your yard, house, and properties neat and clear of debris
- Keep sewer drains clean and unobstructed
- Report violations to the Code Compliance Committee
- Report all abandoned vehicles
- Download and use the “**IMPROVE DETROIT**” cell phone smart app for your android or I-phone
- Join us at our monthly meetings and share your ideas

These are just a few things we can do to improve our community.

As the leaves fall and we get our homes ready for winter, remember that yard waste is picked up every other week until December 1st. Keep those sewer drains cleared of leaves and debris. When the snow does fall, let's get our vehicles and trash containers off the streets so our snow plow team can do their job, and keep our streets plowed from curb to curb.

Now sit back with your favorite beverage, cheer on your favorite team, enjoy the fall weather, and know that **you helped make your community better.**

Thanks,

David Becker

Code Violations Committee Chair-person

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Coffee Hour



Join State Senator David Knezek who represents Detroit, Dearborn Heights, Garden City, Inkster and Redford Township for coffee

When: Every Third Thursday of the Month
 Where: Always Brewing
 19180 Grand River Avenue, Detroit
 Time: 1:00 P.M.—2:30 P.M.

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ROSEDALE

VISIT MYGRANDMONTROSEDALE.ORG! Want to stay up to date on all the latest happenings in the Grandmont Rosedale community? It's easy—just make mygrandmont-roseale.org your new homepage or add it as a bookmark. At this site, you will find notices and short articles about all the various neighborhoods, a calendar of community events, a business directory and much more.



Grandmont #1 Improvement Association Positive Youth Development (PYD) Program

Well it's that time of the year when we say goodbye to summer vacation, and hello to "back to school" days!! Our PYD program had a great summer!! We had an awesome parade and picnic and participated many other community activities. We gave out school supplies again this year. I want to personally thank everyone who gave their time, donations, and support to help our program succeed.

Join us for our next event - a College Planning Workshop. See details shown below.

We are still in need of students from our Grandmont #1 neighborhood who would be interested in applying for scholarship funds for the 2015-2016 school year. The deadline for all applications will be April 30, 2016. If you know anyone who would like more info, please have them contact Shonda Jones, PYD Chairperson, sdavis78@sbcglobal.net

Parents/Adult volunteers are still needed!!!



"Back to School" Celebration

College Planning Workshop

Presented by Grandmont #1 Improvement Association
Positive Youth Development Program (PYD)
Saturday, October 17, 2015
3:00 pm until 6:00 pm
GRDC Building
19800 Grand River Avenue
Detroit, MI 48223

Join us to receive valuable college information regarding the following topics:

Financial Aid Process, Career Connection, Career and Technical Choices, College Planning, College Admissions Process, and Scholarship Funding

Seating is limited.

RSVP to sdavis78@sbcglobal.net no later than October 5, 2015

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**Grandmont #1 Improvement Association
2016 Annual Dues**

Your 2016 annual dues are due. This covers the year Jan. 2016 through Dec. 2016. Please return this form with your check or money order for \$50 to:

Grandmont #1 Improvement Association
PO Box 23065, Detroit, MI 48223

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Phone (____) _____

Email _____

Amount enclosed: _____

Additional donation included: _____

Be a Volunteer!**Sign up — share your time**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter | <input type="checkbox"/> Nominations |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Seniors | <input type="checkbox"/> Social Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Special Assessment District | <input type="checkbox"/> Vacant Property |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Welcome | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Development |

Thank you for your support!!**ASK THE TECH GUY: EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT EMV CARDS**
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As a merchant, employing EMV is a great way to prevent fraudsters from targeting your store. During a transaction, the chip card performs cryptographic processing by assigning a unique code to each transaction to help prevent data being fraudulently reused. EMV technology has been in use across Europe for years and will be the standard payment application in the United States for significantly enhanced security.

You may be thinking, why is this change happening? Though the U.S. accounts for only 24% of the world's credit card transactions, it's responsible for nearly 50% of the world's credit card fraud. EMV chip cards are being rolled out to improve payment security and make it harder for fraudsters to counterfeit cards.

By 2011, EMV technology had brought some forms of card fraud in Britain to their lowest level in two decades. In Canada, the introduction of EMV reduced losses from debit card fraud by over 72%.

The introduction of EMV in the United States is necessary to combat fraudsters, reduce card fraud losses, and provide a safer shopping experience for American consumers.

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Support Your Neighborhood by Paying Your Dues for 2016

If you have already paid, please accept our sincere thanks. If you have not quite gotten around to it, please write your check today and return it with your payment form (which can be found on page 7). Your dues pay the bills and are your neighborhood's only source of income. We use the money to plow the snow off the streets, print this newsletter and take care of vacant properties — all things necessary to keep your neighborhood looking good and your property values up.

Articles for the Grandmont #1 Informer

If you have an article or event you'd like to share with Grandmont #1 residents, please e-mail to: grandmont1informer@gmail.com or call 313-272-4810. Content is due by Dec. 10, 2015 for distribution in the January 2016 issue. Please send articles in Microsoft Word format. We reserve the right to edit for content.

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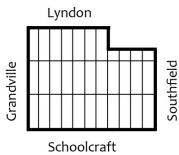
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